(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Indian Council of Medical Research agreed to follow Government's decision on fellowships; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise;

(c) and (d) The matter is being processed by ICMR for early implementation of the recommendations of the Government.

Purchase of torpedoes for Navy from M/s. Whitehead-Moto Fides

2082. SHRI JASWANT SINGH:
SHRI A. G. KULKARNI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 584 given in the Rajya Sabha on 30th July, 1987 and state:

(a) whether Messers Anatronics General Corporation assisted the firm M/s Whitehead-Moto Fides for the supply of torpedoes to the Indian Navy; and

(b) if so, in what manner?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) and (b) M/s Anatronics General Corporation did not represent M/s Whitehead-Moto Fides in its negotiations with the Ministry of Defence for the contract for the supply of torpedoes, associated test equipment and spares to the Indian Navy which was concluded in March, 1987. This contract was negotiated directly with the foreign supplier, from which Govt. also procured a written undertaking that no Indian agent was/is working for them, in respect of the aforesaid contract.

Resentment among the scientists

2083. SHRI SHARAD YADAV:
SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in March, 1958 a scientific resolution was adopted by Government to encourage creative telent, to provide full scope for scientific activity besides offering good service conditions to the scientists in the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that despite the resolution there is growing resentment among the scientists community that their status has been gradually eroded and services have become inferior to those of University teachers possessing similar qualification thereby seriously affecting the quality of research;

(c) whether Government have made any evaluation of the situation; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof stating the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government to remove the disparities between the two professions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The working conditions of scientists and technologists are constantly under review. Steps are being taken from time to time to improve them.

Setting up of nuclear power station

2084 SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that final decision has been taken in regard to the Soviet offer